

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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EDUCATION: Requests that legislators, statewide elected officials, and members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education volunteer to teach in a public school for at least two days of each year of their term of office

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each legislator, statewide elected official, and member of the State
3 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to volunteer to substitute teach in a
4 public elementary or secondary school in Louisiana for at least two full school days
5 of each year of his term of office through a program designated as the "Be Proud to
6 Teach" program.

7 WHEREAS, Louisiana's public schools and teachers are of vital importance to all of
8 its citizens, especially those serving as legislators, statewide elected officials, and members
9 of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE); and

10 WHEREAS, the decisions of legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE
11 members significantly impact and determine the quality of the state's public schools and
12 teachers in many ways; and

13 WHEREAS, it would be ideal if all legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE
14 members had first-hand knowledge of and experience with the state's public schools in order
15 to be more informed in making the important policy decisions that shape public education;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, one way to ensure the attainment of such knowledge and experience
18 would be for those in these public leadership positions to volunteer to substitute teach in the
19 classrooms of the state's public schools; and

1 WHEREAS, such substitute teaching would also provide public school students,
2 teachers, and administrators the opportunity to get to know and communicate with the state's
3 public officials.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 urge and request each legislator, statewide elected official, and member of the State Board
6 of Elementary and Secondary Education to volunteer to substitute teach in a public
7 elementary or secondary school in Louisiana for at least two full school days of each year
8 of his term of office through a program designated as the "Be Proud to Teach" program.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature further requests that all
10 participating legislators, statewide elected officials, and BESE members communicate
11 annually with their constituents and colleagues relative to the knowledge and experience
12 gained through their participation.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
14 to the presiding officers of the legislature, each statewide elected official, and the president
15 of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

DIGEST

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Requests that legislators, statewide elected officials, and members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) volunteer to substitute teach in a public school in La. for at least two full school days of each year of their term of office through the "Be Proud to Teach" program.